

**LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, September 6, 2011**

Present: Diane Stuehmer, Pat Roschewski, Marilyn Peterson, Joel Scherling, Freida Lange, Sharon Katt, Donlynn Rice, Margaret Worth, Russ Inbody, Brian Halstead, Mike Kozak, Melody Hobson, Carol Fichter, Betty VanDeventer, Mary Ann Losh, Gary Sherman, Scott Swisher, Roger Breed

Commissioner Breed asked for any additions to the Agenda. Freida Lange asked to add a discussion about ESU AdvancED Review/Interview with NDE.

Carol Fichter noted that this is her last LC meeting. She expressed gratitude for everything she has learned and appreciation for the work of the Department. Dr. Breed thanked Carol for her work and wished her well in retiring from the Department on October 4, 2011.

1. Digital Social Studies CurriculumMike Kozak

From conversations at Administrator Days, Mike Kozak is working with Brent Gaswick in moving toward a Digital Social Studies Curriculum. Consulting with Larry Starr, he suggested a good place to start is 4th grade social studies. This will be a curriculum created by Nebraska teachers, for Nebraska teachers. Mike is looking to create a visioning team for development of the curriculum.

2. Procedures For Debt Collection & Withholding Payments

..... Scott Swisher & Margaret Worth

When an overpayment of funds has been detected, please contact Legal before proceeding to collecting the debt or withholding funds. There are certain constitutional steps required in collection or repayment of funds and require assistance from Legal.

3. Updating the On-Line CIP Toolkit Freida Lange

Freida Lange is asking that each team of the Continuous Improvement Toolkit review the current website and links for accurate information. She is proposing that a Continuous Improvement Toolkit link be placed on NDE Quick Links. Each team would be responsible for updating their specific area of the toolkit. Shauna Groenewold will be available to work with individual teams in updating the links and site.

Freida is asking that by the October Leadership Council meeting, that teams specific to one area of the CIP model, take the time to insure link connections and current information.

4. NDE SSOS Project Updates (if any):

• **Educator Effectiveness (Donlynn Rice)**

Nine forums were completed with good attendance. Survey closed with 88 respondents. Over 200 attended Administrator Days session and had general positive comments. An editing committee will meet September 13. The Teacher/Principal standards will then be referred to the State Board Accountability Committee.

- **ELL Rule (Mary Ann Losh)**

A proposed draft of Rule 15 will be presented to the Board during the September meeting. It is the goal to have the Rule in place by 2012-13 school year. The Attorney General has agreed to do a preliminary review of the draft Rule.

- **State Accountability Plan (Pat Roschewski)**

The timeline calls for completion of the State Accountability Plan by the first of the year.

- **Revision of Rule 84 (Freida Lange)**

Meetings with an ad hoc committee of ESU administrators have been held. More revisions are in store. A major “chunk” review will be presented to the Board in September with a proposed hearing draft ready by October.

5. Other.....

ESU Adanced Ed – Freida Lange

The ESUs will be going through a quality assurance review and are requesting an opportunity to interview NDE staff on October 17.

C4Learning - Pat Roschewski

C4Learning training began today.

SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Obstacles, Threats)

Dr. Breed provided copies of Team SWOT Analysis as a way to inform the LC in their work and as it interrelates to other teams within NDE.

6. Items For All Staff Meeting 9/8/11 @ 1:00 p.m..... Roger Breed

- NeSA Scores
- Social Studies Timeline
- Board Meeting Dates
- Rules 10 and 14 – update on revisions
- CIP Model
- LMS Training
- Teacher/Principal Standards